



Project Lifesaver Glendale PD

BRINGING YOUR LOVED ONES HOME

What is Project Lifesaver?

- ▶ Transmitter goes on the client



Equipment

► Receiver



Who are potential clients?

- ▶ Individuals with a cognitive disorder such as Autism, Alzheimer's or Down Syndrome. Not limited to a specific diagnosis.
- ▶ Must have 24 hour caregiver of some kind
- ▶ No driver's license/vehicle
- ▶ Mainly the non-verbal, but could also include a language difference

Why Project Lifesaver at Glendale?

- ▶ Request from a resident in the city
- ▶ Assist families and caregivers
- ▶ Reduce time and money on searches

Statistics

- ▶ 59% of Alzheimer's population develop wandering tendency
- ▶ Alzheimer's missing survival rate is 50% after the first 24 hours
- ▶ Most Alzheimer's missing persons are found within 1 mile of the last point seen
- ▶ 132 individuals went missing in Glendale since January 1, 2015
 - ▶ 16 of them were under 18 years old
 - ▶ 86 of them were between 18-64
 - ▶ 30 were over the age of 65
- ▶ National average for a search is \$1500 per hour at 9 hours
- ▶ Cost of GPD to train 80 officers \$30,324 (8 hours of training)

Added benefits to using PLS

- ▶ Officers have to learn about these types of clients through training to use the equipment. Several hours of training is dedicated to learning about cognitive disabilities.
 - ▶ This portion of the training alone has translated to saves with our agency.
- ▶ Officers are building a rapport with the client when conducting battery changes and it is a learning lesson for both.
- ▶ Data base with all the PLS clients so information is shared with other agencies if the client goes into a PLS area.
- ▶ The more agencies join the program the more resources available to the community.

Problems with PLS

- ▶ Biggest issue is the caregiver
 - ▶ Fail to contact P.D right away when they go missing
 - ▶ The average person can walk 4 MPH
 - ▶ Testing the device 1 to 2 times a day
 - ▶ Battery is the most important part of the program
 - ▶ Failing to report problems with the device

GPD's Project Lifesaver Program

- ▶ 1 year kit that is purchased by the family (\$375 first year \$100 additional years)

